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The libraries of the European natural history museums and botanical gardens collectively hold the majority of the world's published knowledge on the discovery and subsequent description of biological diversity. However, digital access to this knowledge is difficult. The objective of the BHL-Europe project is to make available Europe's biodiversity information to everyone by improving the interoperability of European biodiversity digital libraries.

The project will provide a multilingual access point for biodiversity content through a global portal ([BHL](#)) with specific biological functionality and to a wide European cultural audience through [Europeana](#).

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